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SUBJECT: GRAIN SHIPMENTS TO MAURITANIA

REF: (A) STATE 163978 (NOTAL)
(B) NOUAKCHOTT 695 (NOTAL)
(C) NOUAKCHOTT 685 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL (A) SETS FORTH THE ALLOCATION OF 18,000 MT GRAIN TO MAURITANIA FROM THE INITIAL FY 74 ALLOTMENT OF 100,000 MT. WE ARE PREPARED MOVE FORWARD IN DELIVERING UP TO 14,000 MT OF BAGGED SORGHUM, AND 4,000 MT OF BAGGED CORN, IN INCREMENTS OF 5 TO 6,000 MT UNDER A TITLE II BILATERAL EMERGENCY PROGRAM. WHEAT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

2. CERTAIN INFORMATION IS REQUIRED SO THAT THE CARGO MAY BE MOVED PROMPTLY:

(A) DOES GIRM WISH ALL GRAIN DISCHARGED DAKAR AND TRUCKED ROSSO? IF SO, WHAT IS BEST ESTIMATE COST PER TON FOR DELIVERING CARGO TO ROSSO (INCLUDING BEST ESTIMATE FORWARDER'S FEES)?

(B) HOW MUCH, IF ANY, OF CARGO WOULD BE SEA DELIVERY TO NOUAKCHOTT? WHAT IS BEST ESTIMATE OF OCEAN FREIGHT COSTS EX-DAKAR, ASSUMING SHIPMENT IN BULK TO DAKAR, BAGGING, AND ONWARD SHIPMENT. WE EXPLORING CHARGES FOR THRU B/L FROM GULF/DAKAR, NOUAKCHOTT.

2. PER REFTELS (B) AND (C), AID/W REQUESTS EMBASSY BAMAKO APPROACH GOM SEEK AGREEMENT DIVERSION 5000 MT PRESENTLY STORED DAKAR FOR MALI MEET GIRM'S EMERGENCY REQUEST. ANY STOCKS BORROWED WOULD BE REPLACED PROMPTLY. FYI. 5000 MT SORGHUM AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING FIRST HALF SEPTEMBER EX-GULF. END FYI. WE UNDERSTAND WFP MAY ALREADY BE DIVERTING 5000 MT THEIR MALI BOUND STOCKS IN DAKAR TO NOUAKCHOTT, WITH CANADA REPLACING IN OCTOBER. CAN YOU CONFIRM WFP DIVERSION? REQUEST EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT/ADO DAKAR UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVISE WHETHER THIS WFP DIVERSION WILL MEET GIRM PRESENT EMERGENCY NEED OR SHOULD WE CONTINUE EXPLORE DIVERSION POSSIBILITIES?

3. FOR REDSO-W/ABIDJAN, AND DAKAR. THERE IS NO EXISTING USG FORWARDER CONTRACT TO HANDLE TITLE II CARGO TO POINT OF ENTRY MAURITANIA. SUGGEST PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN, KEEPING IN MIND THAT ANY CARGO DELIVERED NOUAKCHOTT WOULD

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